

***A message regarding James Harden  
(which he understands you may not read).***

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*You're free to think James Harden deserves to be MVP. Or that he doesn't. James Harden respects your freedom to decide. He's a free-thinking person.*

*Which is good. Because free-thinking leads to opportunities in life. And basketball.*

*Like: why does James Harden draw so many fouls?*

*His reply: because they're there to be drawn. If you can pull an advantage out of thin air, doesn't the feat justify the action? Feel free to disagree.*

*You're also free to be mad at James Harden's step-back. You're free to call it a travel and torch it on your podcast. Quick question though: if YOU could pull off that step-back wouldn't you do it? James Harden thinks you might. But he freely accepts you might not.*

*You're also free to think "popularity" is a statistic that determines a player's value. We might just feel free to say: you're overthinking it.*

*The point is, whomever you vote for MVP, it won't change James Harden. He feels free to play the game how he plays it. James Harden is free to be James Harden. And you are free to be you.*

*He hopes you feel the same way. But understands if you don't.*

